Deaths due to radiation

4130. DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been cases of death in Mumbai recently, at least five of them attributing to radiation over exposure;

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to prevent the cases of over exposure; and

(c) whether the computerised radiation treatment procedure is also being reviewed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of (a) above, does not arise.

(c) The functioning and accuracy of the computerised treatment planning systems is to be monitored by the radiation oncologists in medical institutions using radiotherapy equipment. In response to a recent incident abroad, the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) has informed all the radiotherapy departments to verify their treatment planning systems to ensure that no accidental over-exposures occur in their institutions.

Profit of Indian Rare Earths Ltd.

4131. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the unit-wise profit of Indian Rare Earths Ltd. during the last three financial years;

(b) whether there is any proposal pending regarding the expansion and diversification of Chavasa IRE plant;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the welfare measures undertaken by Chavasa IRE unit in the mining area during the last year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE) : (a) The Indian Rare Earths Ltd. a Public Sector Undertaking of the Department of Atomic Energy operates its